AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the following claims:

1. (currently amended): A compound of the general formula (I)

or pharmaceutically acceptable prodrugs, salts, hydrates, solvates, crystal forms or diastereomers thereof, wherein:

D is a heterocyclic ring selected from:

$$X_1$$
 X_2
 X_3
 X_4
 X_2
 X_3
 X_4
 X_2
 X_3

where X_1 , X_2 , X_3 , X_4 are optionally substituted carbon, or one of X_1 , X_2 , X_3 , X_4 is nitrogen and the rest optionally substituted carbon;

R2 is 0-3 substituents independently chosen from H, halogen, C₁₋₄ alkyl, CF₃, OCF₃, OCHF₂, CN, aryl, hetaryl, C₁₋₄ alkylOH, C₁₋₄alkylNR3R4, C₁₋₄alkylhetaryl, OC₁₋₄ alkyl, OC₁₋₄alkylNR3R4, OC₁₋₄alkylhetaryl, OC₁₋₄ alkylOH, CO₂R3, CONR3R4, NR3R4, nitro, NR3COR4, NR5CONR3R4, NR3SO₂R4, C₁₋₄alkylNR3COR4, C₁₋₄alkylNR5CONR3R4, C₁₋₄alkylNR3SO₂R4;

R3, R4 are each independently H, C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄alkylOH, C₁₋₄alkylNR19R20, C₁₋₄ alkyl cycloalkyl, C₁₋₄ cyclohetalkyl, aryl, C₁₋₄ alkylaryl, hetaryl, C₁₋₄ alkylhetaryl, or may be joined to form an optionally substituted 3-8 membered (saturated or unsaturated) ring optionally containing an atom selected from O, S, NR6;

and R5 is selected from H, C₁₋₄ alkyl, aryl or hetaryl;

R6 is selected from H, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkylNR19R20, aryl, hetaryl, C_{1-4} alkyl aryl, C_{1-4} alkyl hetaryl;

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R19, R20 are each independently selected from H, C₁₋₄alkyl;

R1 is H, C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₆ cycloalkyl, or may form a 5-8 membered ring onto the ortho position of ring A;

Q is a bond, $[[CH_2, C_{1-4} \text{ alkyl}]]$ CH, C_{1-4} alkylene;

A is aryl, hetaryl optionally substituted with 0-3 substituents independently chosen from halogen, C₁₋₄ alkyl, CF₃, OCF₃, CN, NR8R9, aryl, hetaryl, C₁₋₄aryl, C₁₋₄hetaryl, C₁₋₄ alkylNR8R9, OC₁₋₄ alkylNR8R9, nitro, NR10C₁₋₄NR8R9, NR8COR9, NR10CONR8R9, NR8SO₂R9, CONR8R9, CO₂R8;

R8 and R9 are each independently H, C₁₋₄ alkyl, aryl or together form an optionally substituted 4-8 membered ring which may contain a heteroatom selected from O, S, NR11;

R10 is selected from H, C₁₋₄ alkyl;

R11 is selected from H, C₁₋₄ alkyl;

W is selected from H, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{2-6} alkenyl or may form a 5-8 membered ring onto the ortho position of ring A; where C_{1-4} alkyl or C_{2-6} alkenyl may be optionally substituted with C_{1-4} alkyl, OH, OC₁₋₄alkyl, NR12R13;

R12, and R13 are each independently H, C₁₋₄alkyl, or may be joined to form an optionally substituted 3-8 membered ring optionally containing an atom selected from O, S, NR14;

R14 is selected from H, C₁₋₄ alkyl;

Y is 0-2 substituents selected from H, C₁₋₄ alkyl, NR15R16;

R15 and R16 are independently selected from H, C₁₋₄alkyl.

2. (original): A compound according to formula (I) of claim 1, wherein the compound is selected from compounds of the general formula (II):

or pharmaceutically acceptable prodrugs, salts, hydrates, solvates, crystal forms or diastereomers thereof, wherein:

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D is a heterocyclic ring selected from:

where X_1 , X_2 , X_3 , X_4 are optionally substituted carbon, or one of X_1 , X_2 , X_3 , X_4 is N and the rest optionally substituted carbon;

R2 is 0-3 substituents independently chosen from H, halogen, C₁₋₄ alkyl, CF₃, OCF₃, OCHF₂, CN, aryl, hetaryl, C₁₋₄ alkylOH, C₁₋₄alkylNR3R4, C₁₋₄alkylhetaryl, OC₁₋₄ alkyl, OC₁₋₄alkylNR3R4, OC₁₋₄alkylhetaryl, OC₁₋₄ alkylOH, CO₂R3, CONR3R4, NR3R4, nitro, NR3COR4, NR5CONR3R4, NR3SO₂R4, C₁₋₄alkylNR3COR4, C₁₋₄alkylNR5CONR3R4, C₁₋₄alkylNR3SO₂R4;

R3, R4 are each independently H, C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄alkylOH, C₁₋₄alkylNR19R20, C₁₋₄ alkyl cycloalkyl, C₁₋₄ cyclohetalkyl, aryl, C₁₋₄ alkylaryl, hetaryl, C₁₋₄ alkylhetaryl, or may be joined to form an optionally substituted 3-8 membered (saturated or unsaturated) ring optionally containing an atom selected from O, S, NR6;

and R5 is selected from H, C₁₋₄ alkyl, aryl or hetaryl;

R6 is selected from H, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkylNR19R20, aryl, hetaryl, C_{1-4} alkyl aryl, C_{1-4} alkyl hetaryl;

R19, R20 are each independently selected from H, C₁₋₄alkyl;

R1 is H, C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₆ cycloalkyl, or may form a 5-8 membered ring onto the ortho position of ring A;

A is aryl, hetaryl optionally substituted with 0-3 substituents independently chosen from halogen, C₁₋₄ alkyl, CF₃, OCF₃, CN, NR8R9, aryl, hetaryl, C₁₋₄aryl, C₁₋₄hetaryl, C₁₋₄ alkylNR8R9, OC₁₋₄ alkylNR8R9, nitro, NR10C₁₋₄NR8R9, NR8COR9, NR10CONR8R9, NR8SO₂R9, CONR8R9, CO₂R8;

R8 and R9 are each independently H, C₁₋₄ alkyl, aryl or together form an optionally substituted 4-8 membered ring which may contain a heteroatom selected from O, S, NR11;

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R10 is selected from H, C_{1-4} alkyl;

R11 is selected from H, C₁₋₄ alkyl;

W is selected from H, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{2-6} alkenyl or may form a 5-8 membered ring onto the ortho position of ring A; where C_{1-4} alkyl or C_{2-6} alkenyl may be optionally substituted with C_{1-4} alkyl, OH, OC_{1-4} alkyl, NR12R13;

R12, and R13 are each independently H, C₁₋₄alkyl, or may be joined to form an optionally substituted 3-8 membered ring optionally containing an atom selected from O, S, NR14;

R14 is selected from H, C₁₋₄ alkyl;

Y is 0-2 substituents selected from H, C₁₋₄ alkyl, NR15R16;

R15 and R16 are independently selected from H, C₁₋₄alkyl.

3. (currently amended): A compound [[according to formula (I) of claim 1]] selected from the group consisting of:

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4. (original): A compound according to formula (I) of claim 1 selected from the group consisting of

6-(1H-Benzimidazol-1-yl)-N-benzylpyrazin-2-amine,

6-(1H-Benzimidazol-1-yl)-N-[(1R)-1-phenylethyl]pyrazin-2-amine,

6-(1H-Benzimidazol-1-yl)-N-[(1S)-1-phenylethyl]pyrazin-2-amine,

1-(6-{[1-(3-Fluorophenyl)ethyl]amino}pyrazin-2-yl)-1H-benzimidazole-5-carboxamide,

1-(6-{[1-(3-Fluorophenyl)ethyl]amino}pyrazin-2-yl)-1H-benzimidazole-6-carboxamide,

1-(6-{[1-(3-Fluorophenyl)ethyl]amino}pyrazin-2-yl)-1H-benzimidazole-6-carbonitrile,

1-[6-(3,4-Dihydroisoquinolin-2(1H)-yl)pyrazin-2-yl]-1H-benzimidazole-5-carbonitrile,

1-[6-(3,4-Dihydroisoquinolin-2(1H)-yl)pyrazin-2-yl]-1H-benzimidazole-6-carbonitrile,

1-{6-[(1S)-1,2,3,4-Tetrahydronaphthalen-1-ylamino]pyrazin-2-yl}-1H-benzimidazole-5-carbonitrile,

1-{6-[(1S)-1,2,3,4-Tetrahydronaphthalen-1-ylamino]pyrazin-2-yl}-1H-benzimidazole-6-carbonitrile,

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1-(6-{[(1S)-1-Phenylethyl]amino}pyrazin-2-yl)-1H-benzimidazol-5-amine,

1-(6-{[(1S)-1-Phenylethyl]amino}pyrazin-2-yl)-1H-benzimidazol-6-amine,

N-[1-(6-{[(1S)-1-Phenylethyl]amino}pyrazin-2-yl)-1H-benzimidazol-6-yl]-2,2-dimethylpropanamide,

N-[1-(6-{[(1S)-1-Phenylethyl]amino}pyrazin-2-yl)-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl]acetamide,

N-[1-(6-{[(1S)-1-Phenylethyl]amino}pyrazin-2-yl)-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl]methanesulfonamide,

2-(S- α -Methylbenzylamino)-6-(5-(N-methylpiperazin-4-yl-methyl)-benzimidazo-1-yl)-pyrazine,

[1-(6-{[1-(4-Fluorophenyl)ethyl]amino}pyrazin-2-yl)-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl]methanol,

 $[1-(6-\{[1-(4-Fluorophenyl)ethyl]amino\}pyrazin-2-yl)-1H-benzimidazol-6-yl]methanol, and$

N-[1-(4-Fluorophenyl)ethyl]-6-{6-[(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)methyl]-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl}pyrazin-2-amine.

5. (currently amended): The compound of claim 3, wherein said compound is:

or a pharmaceutically acceptable prodrug, salt, hydrate, solvate, crystal form or diastereomer thereof.

- 6. (canceled)
- 7. (currently amended): A composition comprising a carrier and at least one compound according to <u>claim 3</u> [[any one of claims 1 to 6]].
- 8. (currently amended): A method of treating a tyrosine kinase-associated disease state in a subject, the method comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a

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compound according to <u>claim 3 or a pharmaceutical composition thereof</u> [[any one of claims 1 to 6 or a composition according to claim 7]].

- 9. (original): A method of treating a kinase-associated disease state according to claim 8, wherein the disease state involves JAK1, JAK2, JAK3 or TYK2.
- 10. (currently amended): A method according to claim [[8 or]] 9 wherein the disease state is selected from the group consisting of Atopy, Cell Mediated Hypersensitivity, Rheumatic Diseases, Other autoimmune diseases, Viral Diseases, Cancer, Neurodegenerative Diseases, and Cardiovascular Diseases.
 - 11. (canceled)
- 12. (currently amended): A method of treating diseases and conditions associated with inflammation and infection in a subject, the method comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of at least one compound according to <u>claim 3 or a pharmaceutical composition thereof</u> [[any one of claims 1 to 6 or a composition according to <u>claim 7</u>]].
 - 13. (new): The compound of claim 1, wherein Y is 1-2 substituents.
- 14. (new): The compound of claim 1, wherein Y is 0 and R2 is OCHF₂, CN, C_{1-4} alkylOH, C_{1-4} alkylhetaryl, OC_{1-4} alkyl, OC_{1-4} alkylNR3R4, OC_{1-4} alkylOH.
 - 15. (new): The compound of claim 1, wherein R2 is CN.
- 16. (new): The compound of claim 1, wherein R1 forms a 5-8 membered ring onto the ortho position of ring A.
 - 17. (new): The compound of claim 16, wherein Q is CH and W is H.

18. (new): A compound having the formula

or

wherein A is phenyl;

n is 0 or 1;

R is H, OCH₃ or halo; and

R1 is H or CH₃.

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